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Burma's record is execrable. The group Freedom House recently ranked Burma at the bottom among the nine worst nations: the regime "suppresses nearly all basic rights, and commits human rights abuses with impunity." Moreover, "the SPDC does not tolerate dissent and has a long history of imprisoning anyone who is critical of the government." The State Department reports that "government security forces allowed custodial deaths to occur and committed extrajudicial killings, disappearances, rape, and torture." Burma's violations of religious liberty caused the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** to cite Burma as a "country of particular concern."